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Re:

U.S. Utility Patent Application No. 10/624,080

Title:

INHIBITION OF HIV-1 VIRION PRODUCTION BY

A TRANSDOMINANT MUTANT OF INTEGRASE INTERACTOR 1 (INI1)/Hsnf

Inventor: Ganjam V. Kalpana

Our Files: 96700/819

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to our receipt of an Election/Restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121 dated May 24, 2006 in connection with the above-identified application, enclosed please find the following documents for filing a reply in the name of Ganjam V. Kalpana, entitled INHIBITION OF HIV-1 VIRION PRODUCTION BY A TRANSDOMINANT MUTANT OF INTEGRASE INTERACTOR 1 (INI1)/Hsnf, comprising the following:

- 1. a "Reply to Election/Restriction" (2 pages); and
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### REPLY TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION

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Sir:

This Reply is in response to the Election/Restriction dated May 24, 2006 in the above-identified patent application. Since this Reply is due June 24, 2006, it is timely filed.

## Election/Restriction

In response to the restriction requirement imposed in the May 24, 2006 Office Action, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-19, 24-25 and 31, drawn to peptides comprising an Rpt1 domain as well as related vectors and cells. This election is made without traverse.

In response to the species election requirement, Applicants elect Group b, directed to T cells.

Reply to Election/Restriction Appl. No. 10/624,080 Amdt. dated June 20, 2006

# Conclusion

It is believed that no fee is required with this Reply. If there are any unanticipated fees required to maintain pendency of this patent application, the PTO is hereby authorized to withdraw funds for those fees from Deposit Account 01-1785.

Respectfully submitted

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